

BCPS High School Capacity & Conditions Study: Community Outreach Strategy

On Behalf of
Baltimore County Public Schools

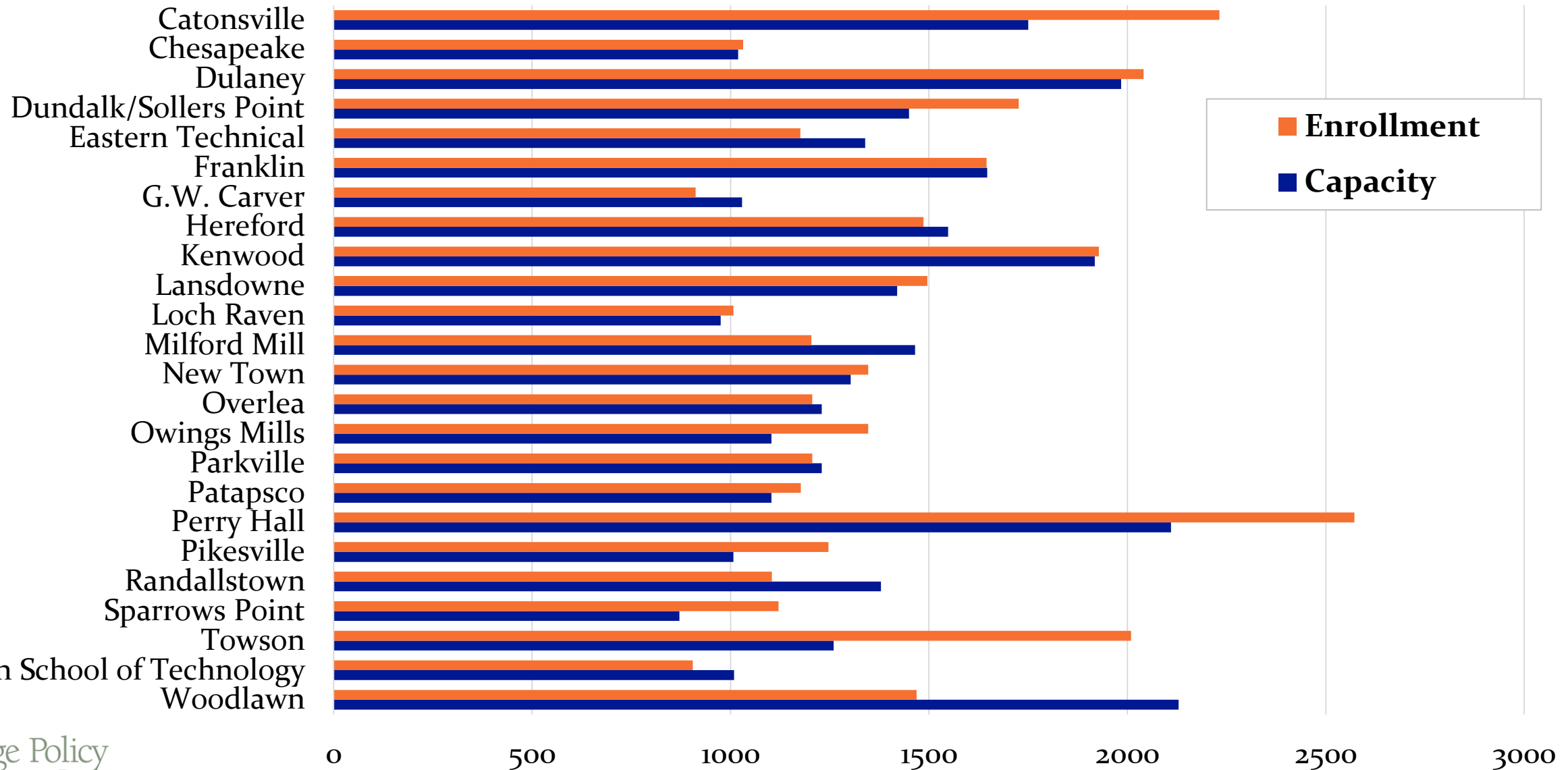
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The Nature of the Endeavor

- Over the next 10 years, BCPS is facing a high school capacity shortfall of approximately 1,700 seats;
- Initially, Sage Policy Group and GWWO Architects were tasked with:
 - studying current and prospective overcrowding;
 - collecting community feedback on multiple occasions in multiple ways;
 - providing recommendations to BCPS.

Capacity and Enrollment: 2027 Projection



Community Outreach Plan

A three-pronged approach to gathering community feedback:

Focus Groups	Location
June 18 th	Catonsville High School
June 19 th	Loch Raven High School
June 20 th	Pikesville High School
June 25 th	Dundalk High School

Gallery Walks	Location
July 9 th	Catonsville High School
July 12 th	Carver High School
July 17 th	Dundalk High School
September 18 th	New Town High School
September 24 th	Eastern Technical High School
October 2 nd	Loch Raven High School

Focus Groups

Small group discussions: gathered feedback informed the scenarios presented tonight

Surveys

Online questionnaires through which all stakeholders may provide feedback

Gallery Walks

Public information sessions where stakeholders can view the options and complete the online survey

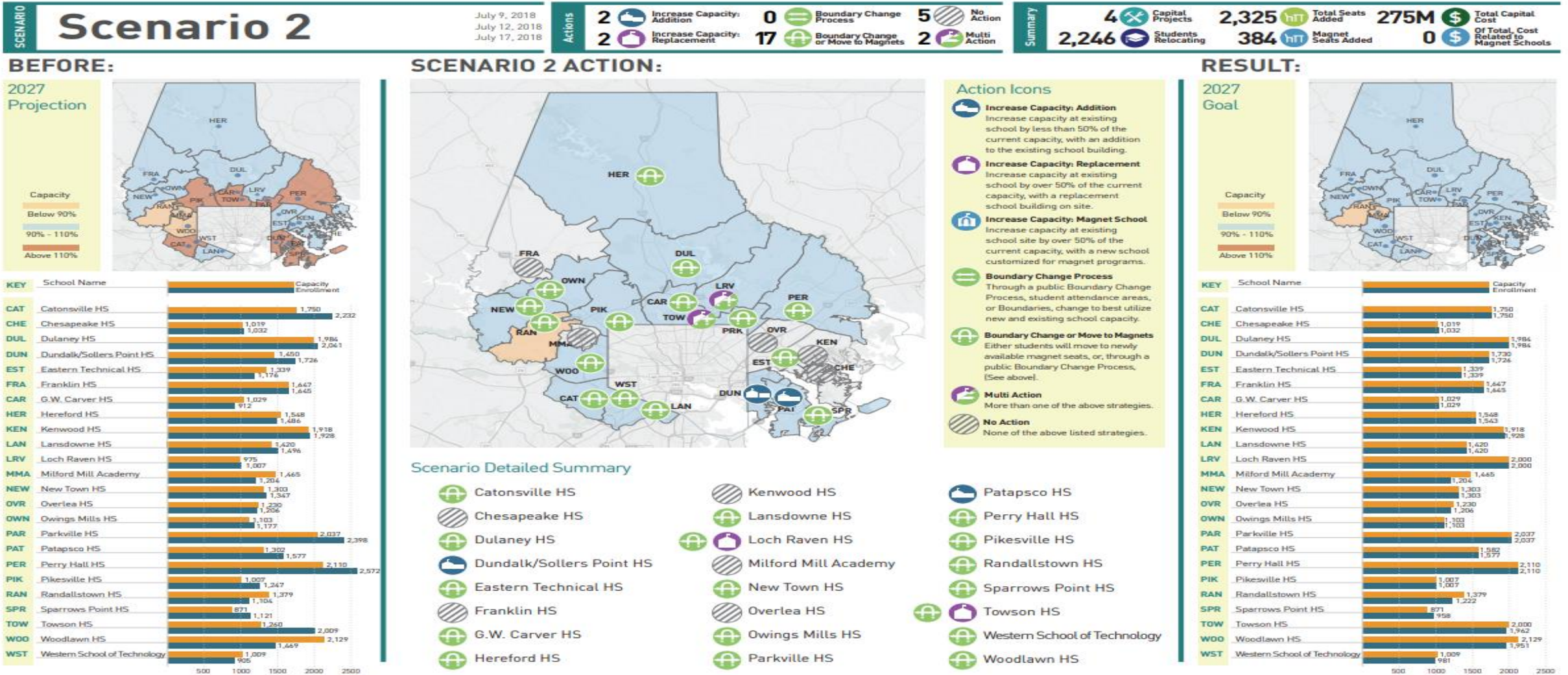
Focus Groups

	Dates	Location
Community Focus Groups	June 18 th	Catonsville High School
	June 19 th	Loch Raven High School
	June 20 th	Pikesville High School
	June 25 th	Dundalk High School
Principal's Focus Group	June 29 th	Greenwood, Building E

Focus group participants indicated that:

- The optimal size of a school is between 1,000 and 1,400 seats;
- Magnet programs are a valuable resource but access to them could be improved;
- Students from the same neighborhood should attend the same school, including as they transition to middle/high;
- **Facility conditions should be considered as part of the capacity study;**
- Higher property taxes are acceptable if necessary to fund a workable solution.

Scenario 2: Use Existing Seats Aggressively



Scenario 3: Just Build It

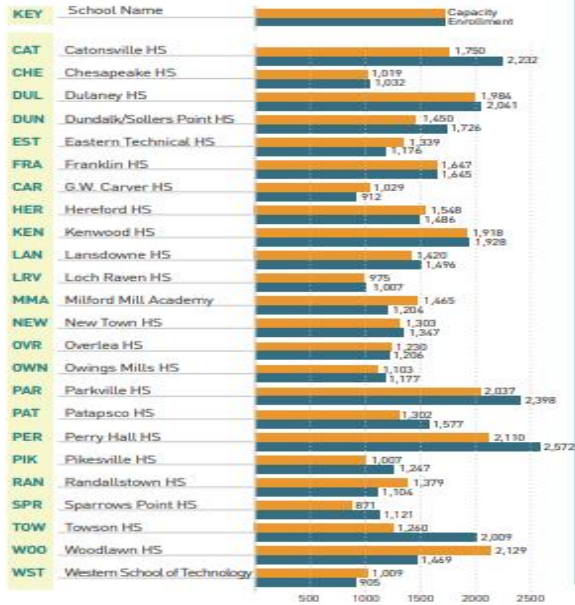
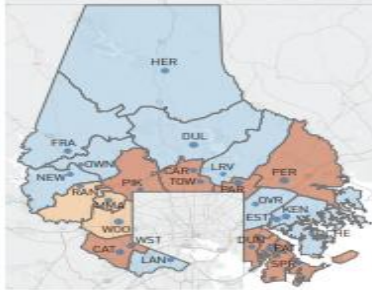


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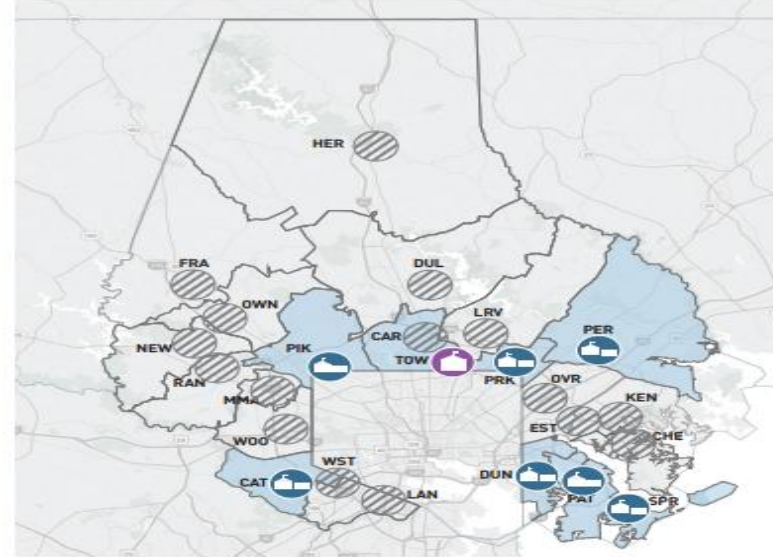
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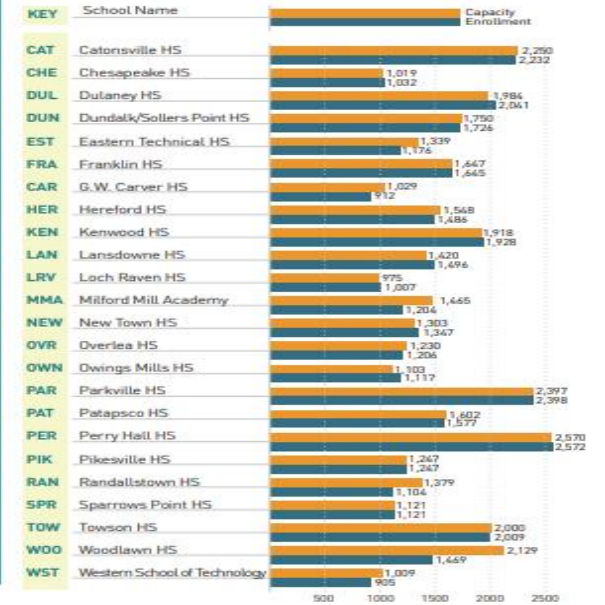
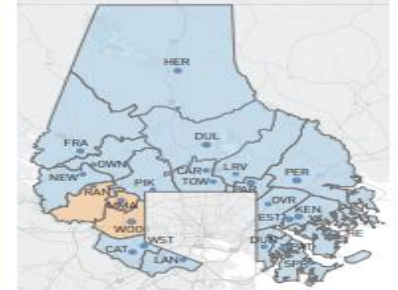


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Scenario 5: Toward "Optimal" School Size

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Scenario 5

July 9, 2018
July 12, 2018
July 17, 2018

Actions

4 Increase Capacity: Addition
2 Increase Capacity: Replacement

11 Boundary Change Process
0 Boundary Change or Move to Magnets

10 No Action
3 Multi Action

Summary

6 Capital Projects
1,953 Students Relocating

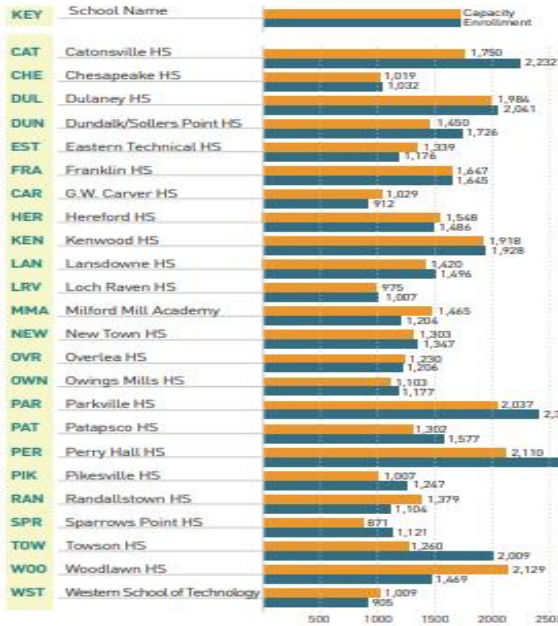
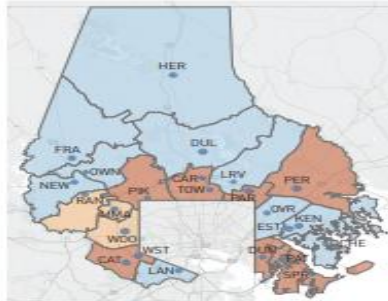
2,425 Total Seats Added
0 Magnet Seats Added

375M Total Capital Cost
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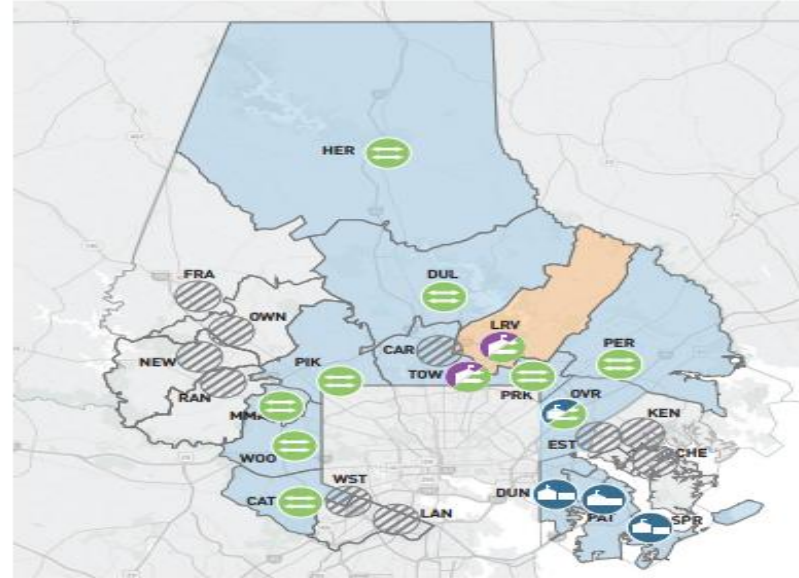
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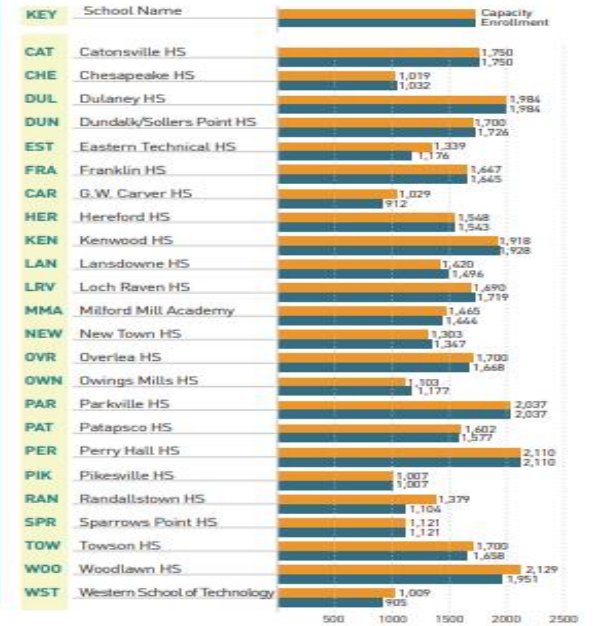
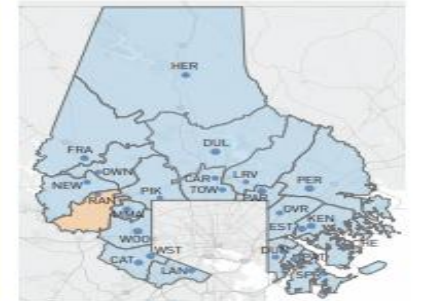
Scenario Detailed Summary

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| ● Catonsville HS | ● Kenwood HS | ● Patapsco HS |
| ● Chesapeake HS | ● Lansdowne HS | ● Perry Hall HS |
| ● Dulaney HS | ● Loch Raven HS | ● Pikesville HS |
| ● Dundalk/Sollers Point HS | ● Milford Mill Academy | ● Randallstown HS |
| ● Eastern Technical HS | ● New Town HS | ● Sparrows Point HS |
| ● Franklin HS | ● Overlea HS | ● Towson HS |
| ● G.W. Carver HS | ● Owings Mills HS | ● Western School of Technology |
| ● Hereford HS | ● Parkville HS | ● Woodlawn HS |

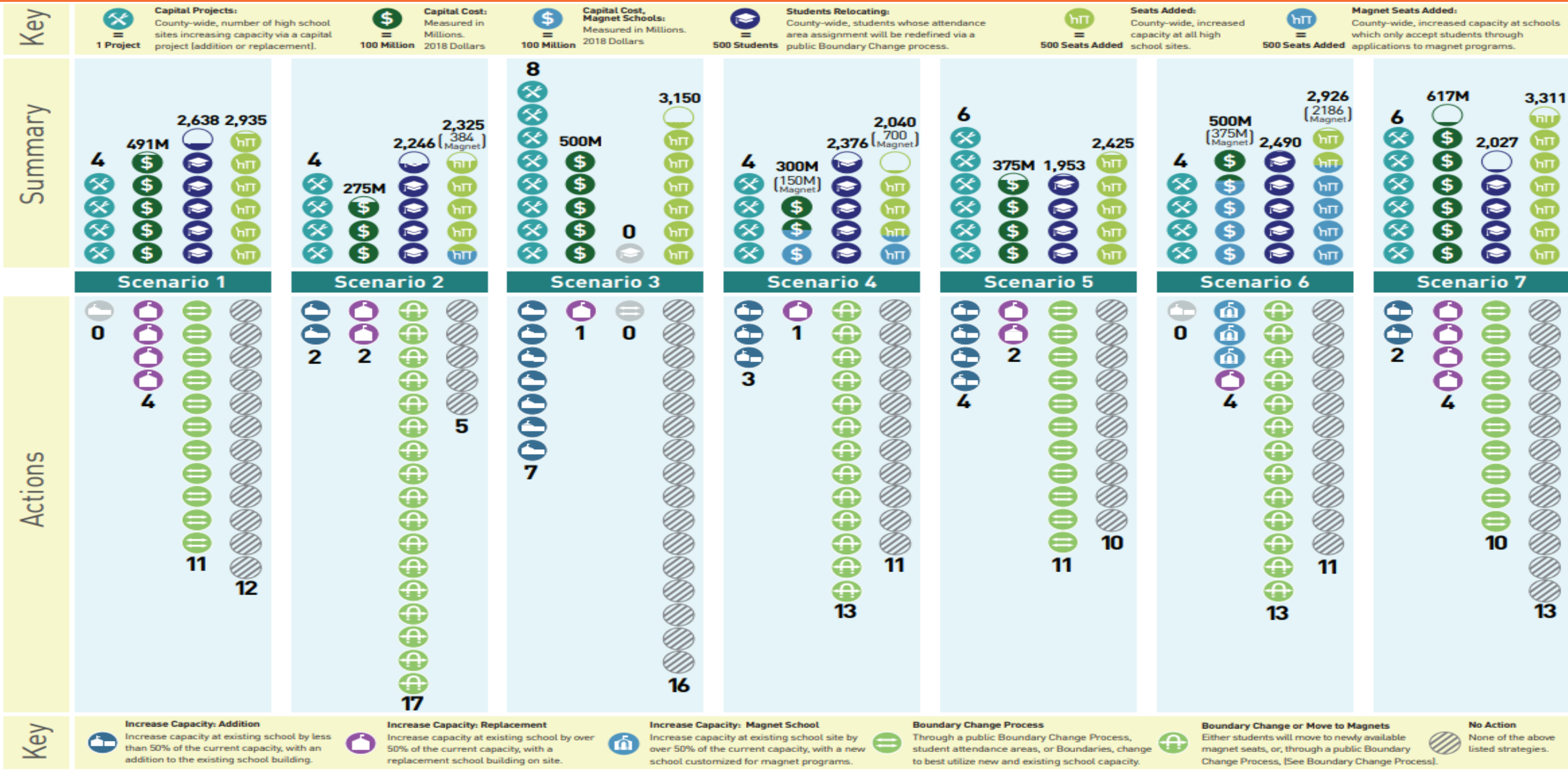
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The Initial Seven Scenarios

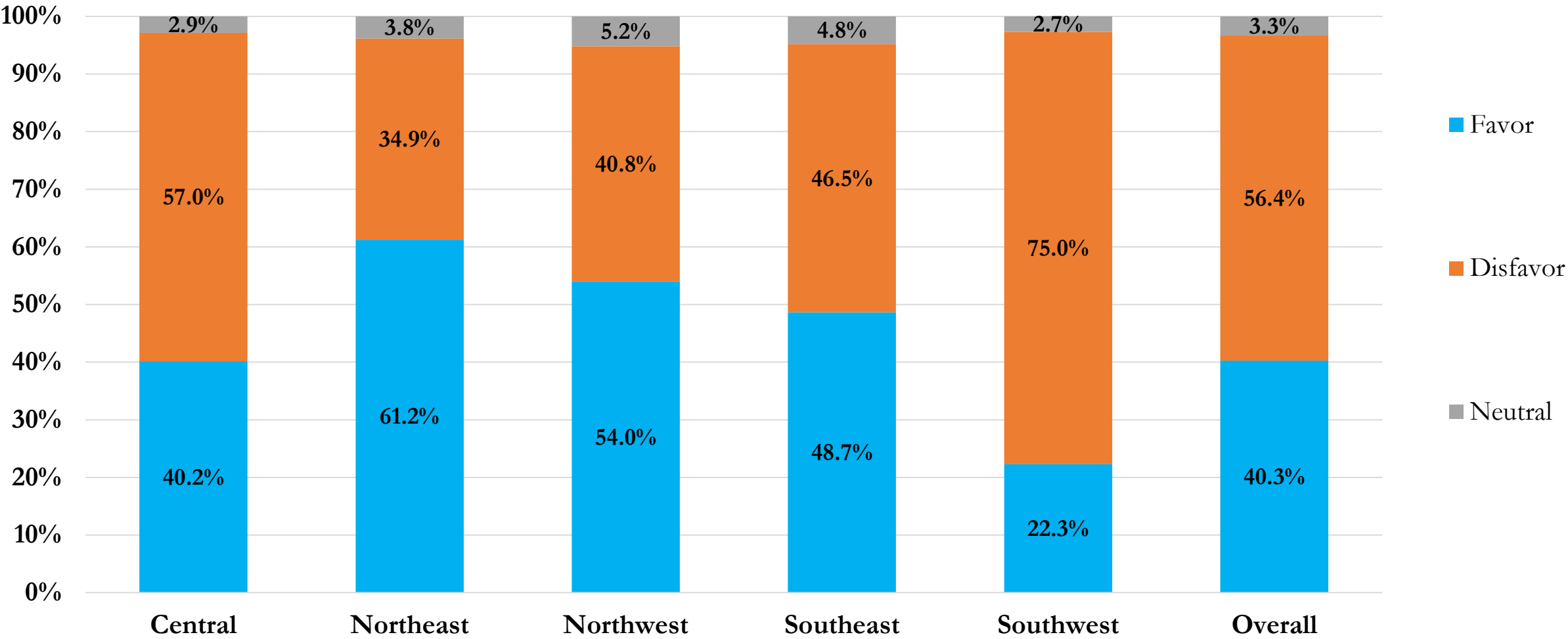


The Initial Survey

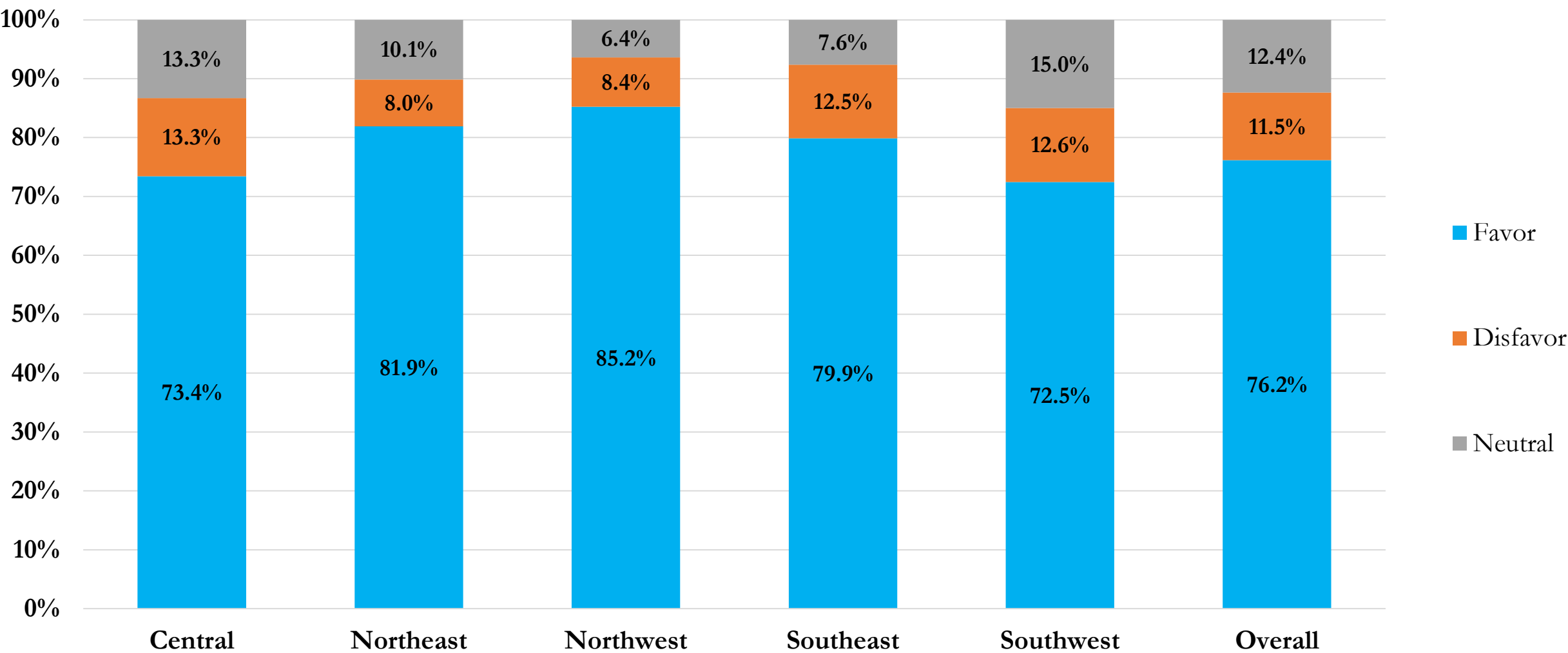
Region	Responses	% of Total
Central	1,068	31.9%
Northeast	721	21.5%
Northwest	231	6.9%
Southeast	197	5.9%
Southwest	1,123	33.5%
Other	12	0.4%
Total	3,352	100.0%

Relationship w/ BCPS	Responses	% of Total
Current student	267	4.8%
Parent/relative	1,495	26.8%
Relative prospective	1,037	18.6%
Alumni	416	7.4%
Live neighborhood	1,420	25.4%
Volunteer	180	3.2%
Interested	486	8.7%
Other	285	5.1%
Total	5,586	100.0%

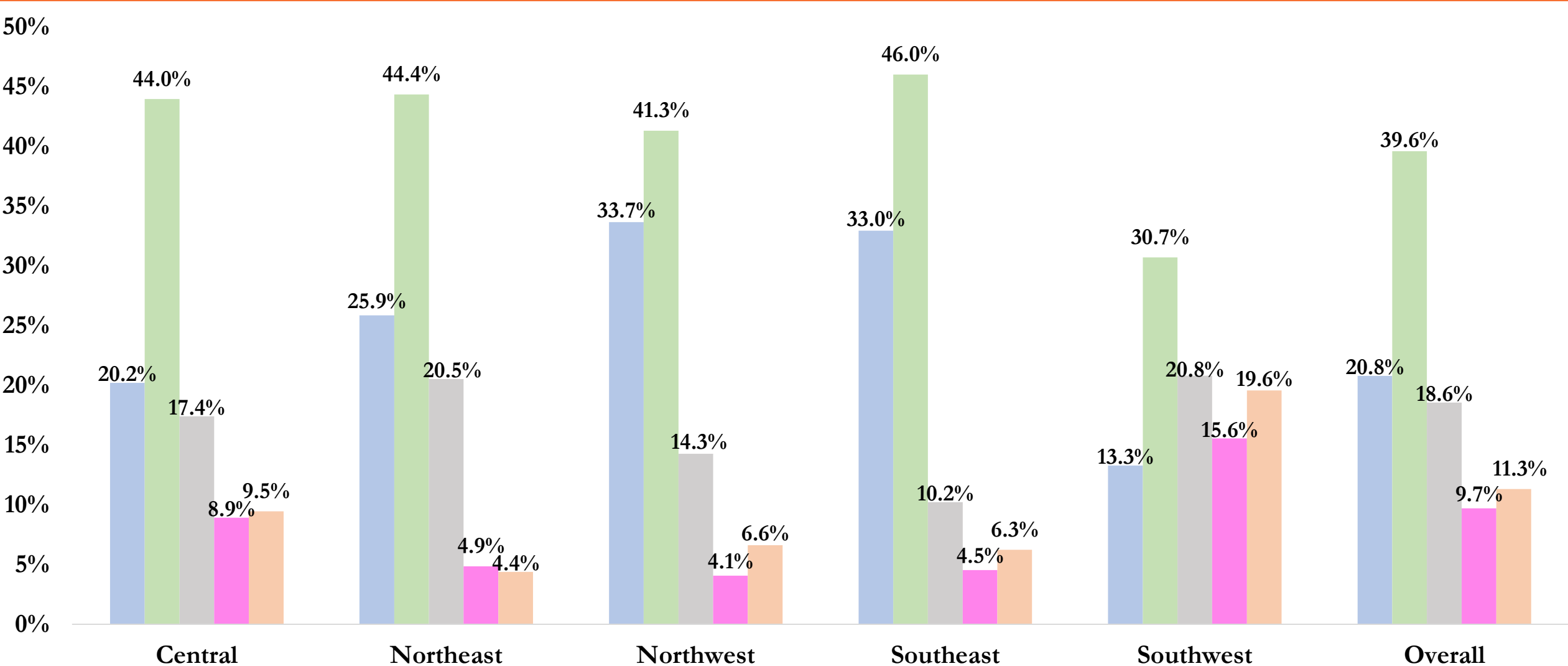
Should BCPS use all seats at schools that have surplus capacity, even if it means redistricting students in significant numbers?



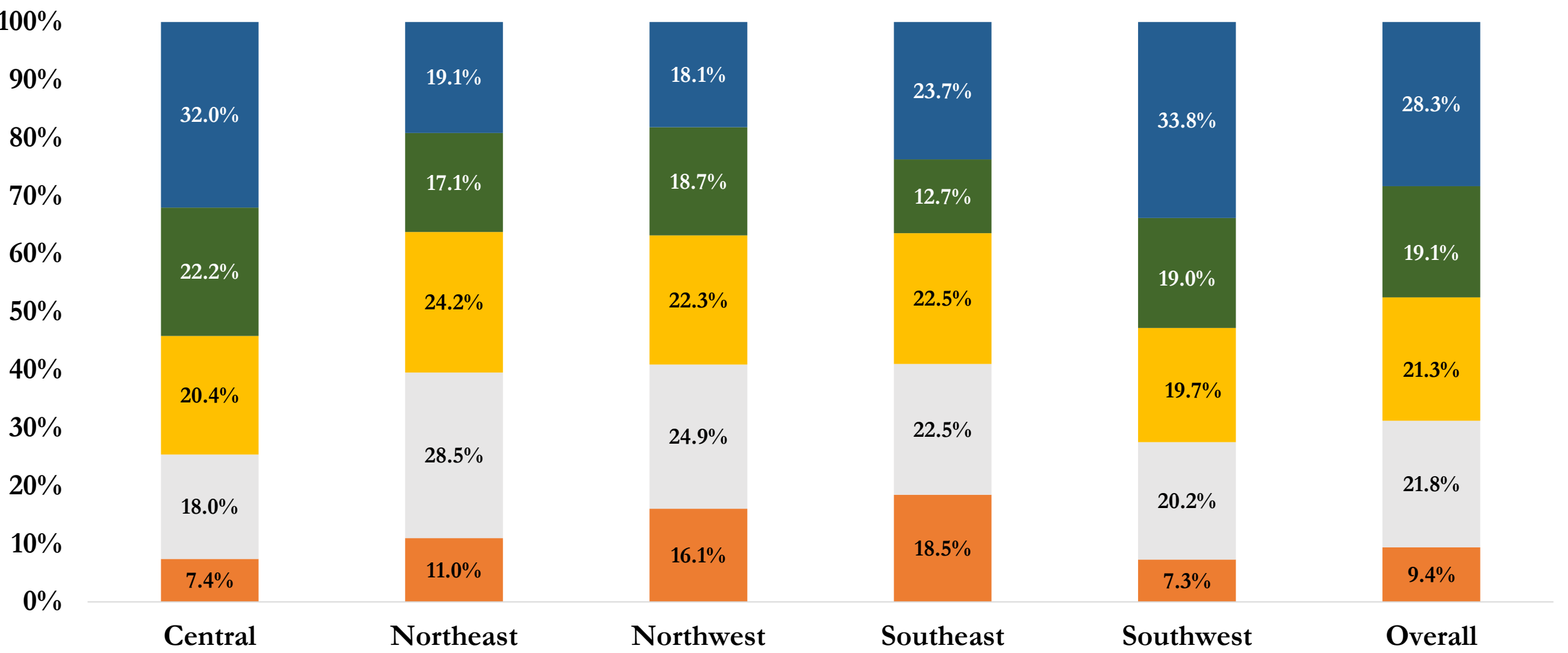
Should BCPS Consider Program Placement when Considering Strategies to Address Capacity Issues?



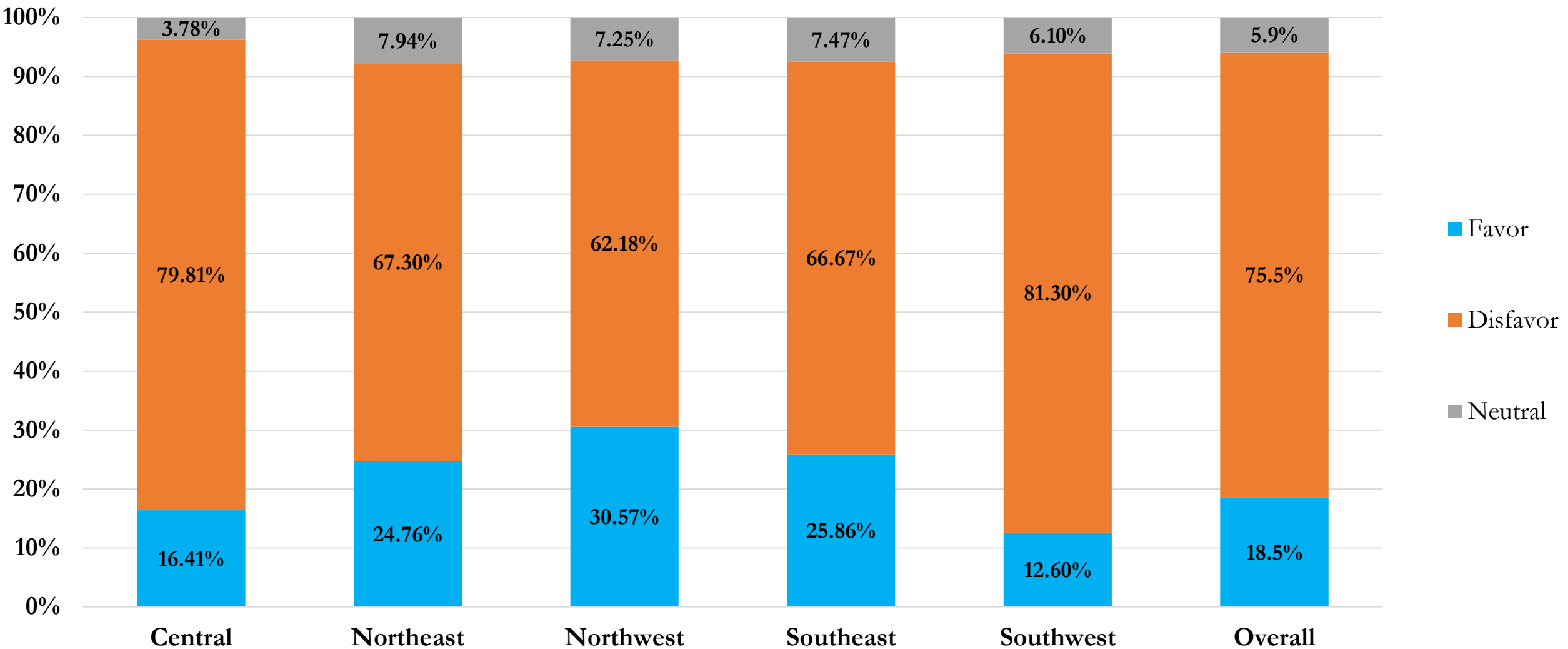
What do you view as the largest enrollment a high school can maintain and still supply a high quality educational experience?



What is the maximum amount you would support BCPS spending on meeting its high school capacity challenges?



Should BCPS select the least expensive option for dealing with high school capacity issues?



A Study Extended & Expanded

Facility Conditions

Stakeholders wanted facility conditions to be included in the analysis

Community Continuity

Feeder patterns designed to keep students from the same neighborhood together are critical

More Magnets

A solution should improve instructional opportunities for students

On July 27th, Superintendent Verletta White issued a letter explaining that the study would be expanded to include these three considerations via:

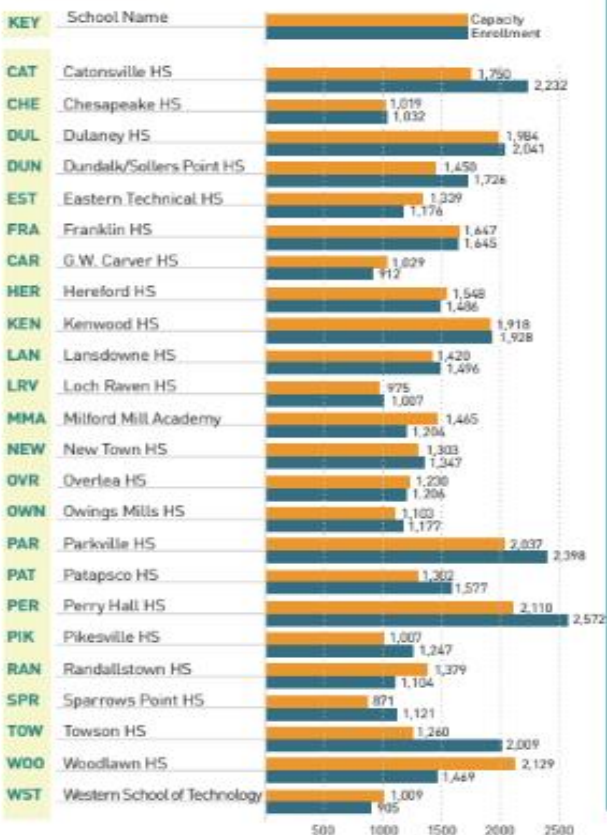
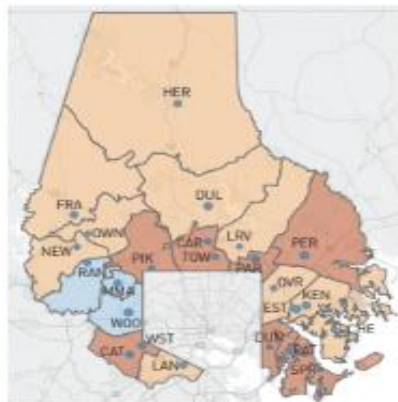
1. A new set of scenarios
2. A second survey
3. Three additional Gallery Walks

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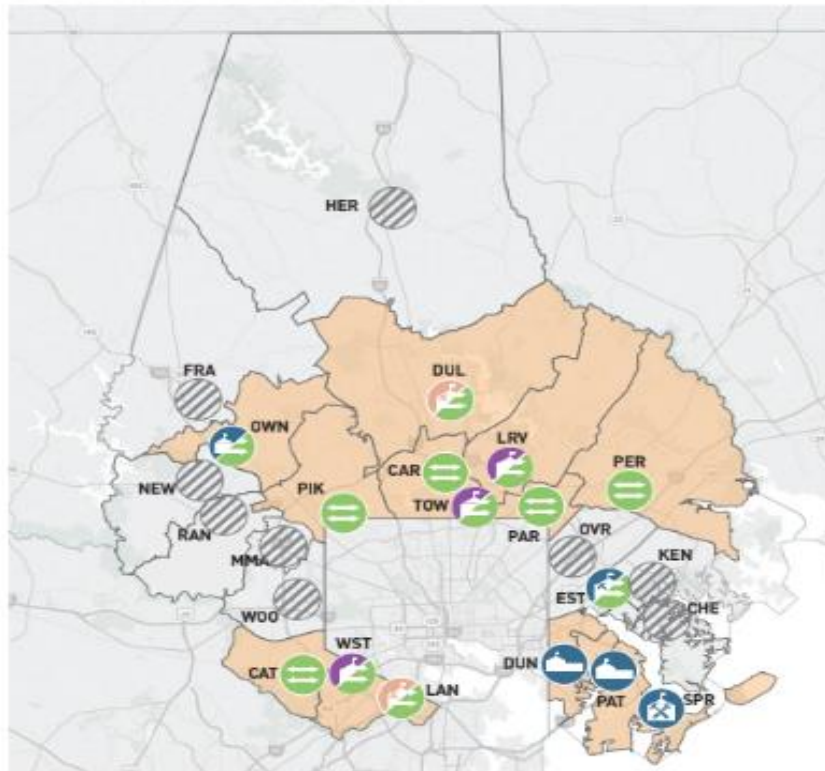
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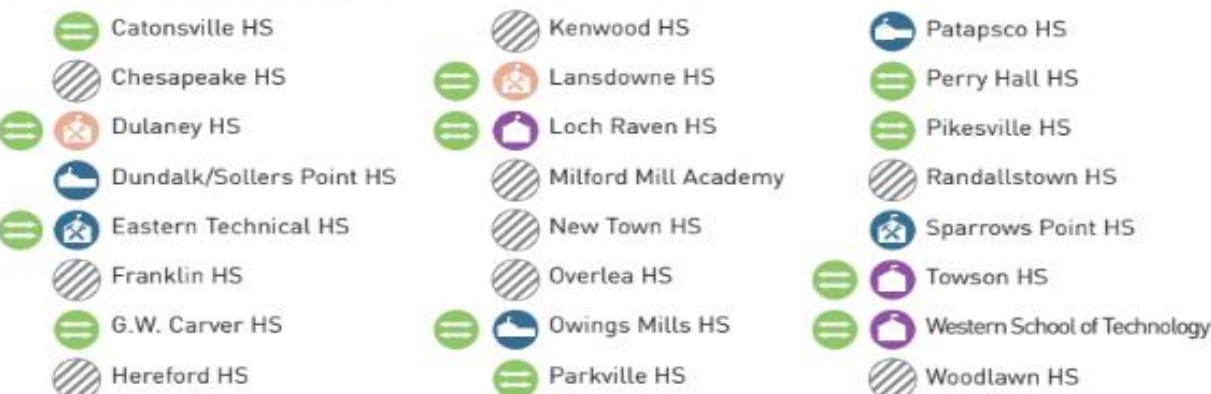
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SCENARIO A ACTION:



Scenario Detailed Summary



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Scenario B

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Addition: Increase Capacity

5



Replacement: Increase Capacity & Improve Conditions

1



Addition/Renovation: Increase Capacity & Improve Conditions

0



Renovation: Improve Conditions

10



Boundary Change Process

6



Multi Action

11



No Action

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Capital Projects

1,889



Students Relocating

3,038



Total Seats Added

496



Magnet Seats Added

628M



Total Capital Cost

87M

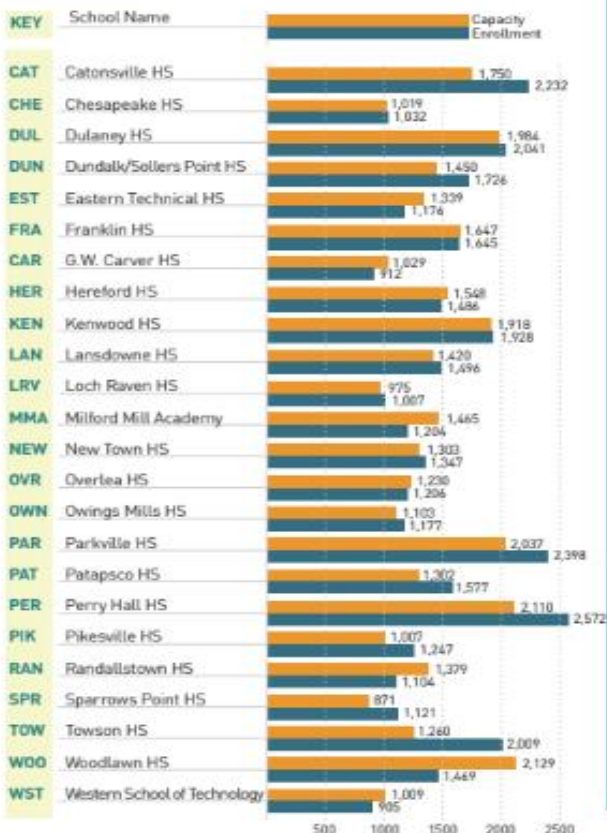
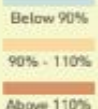


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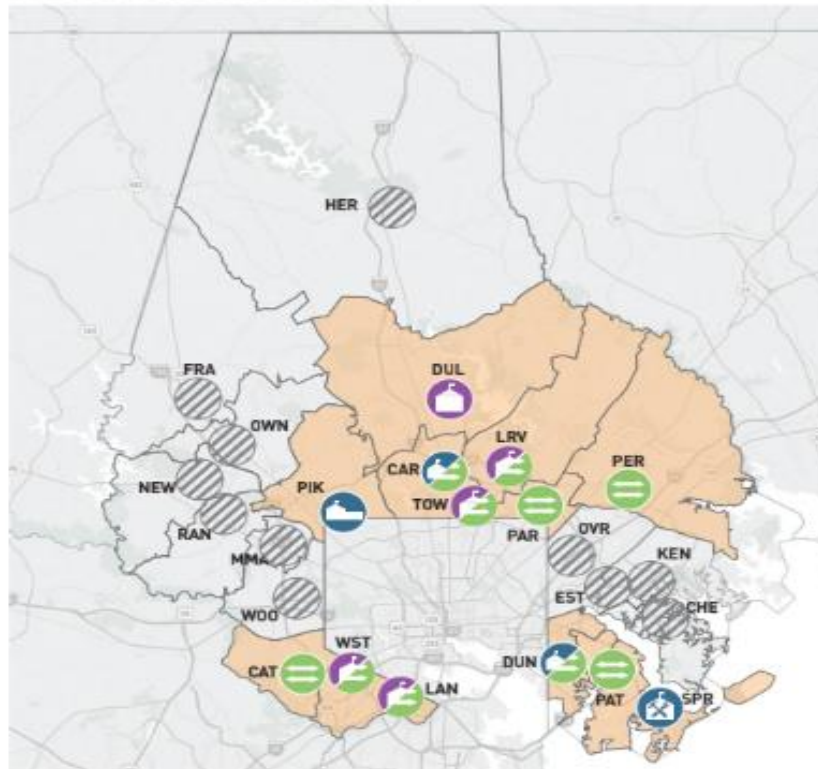
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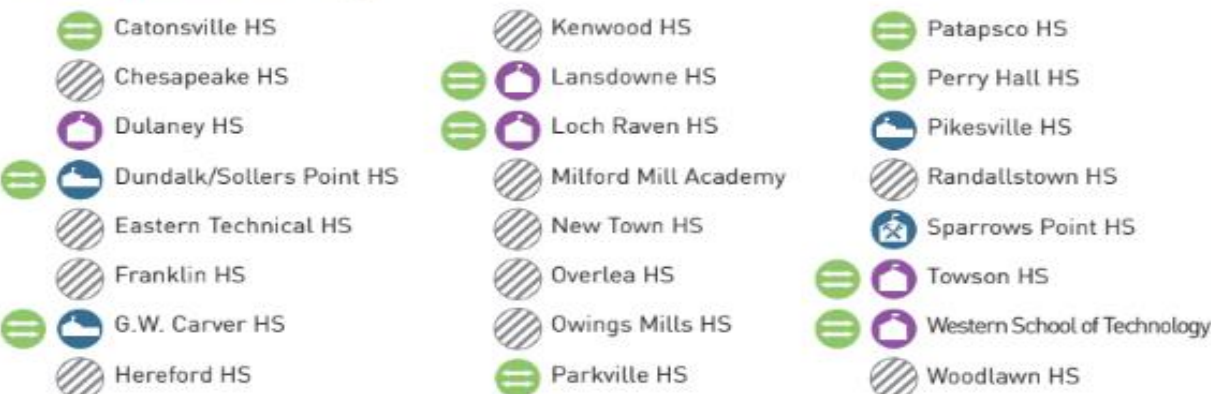
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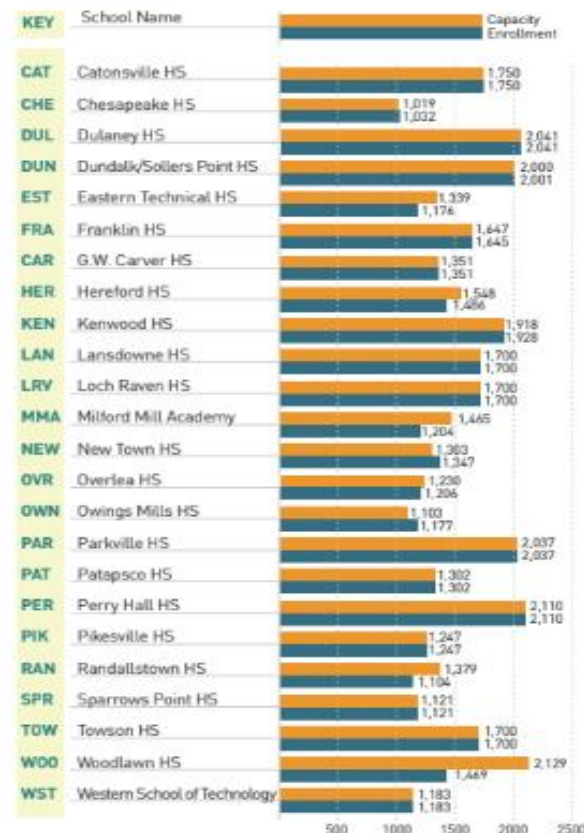
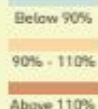
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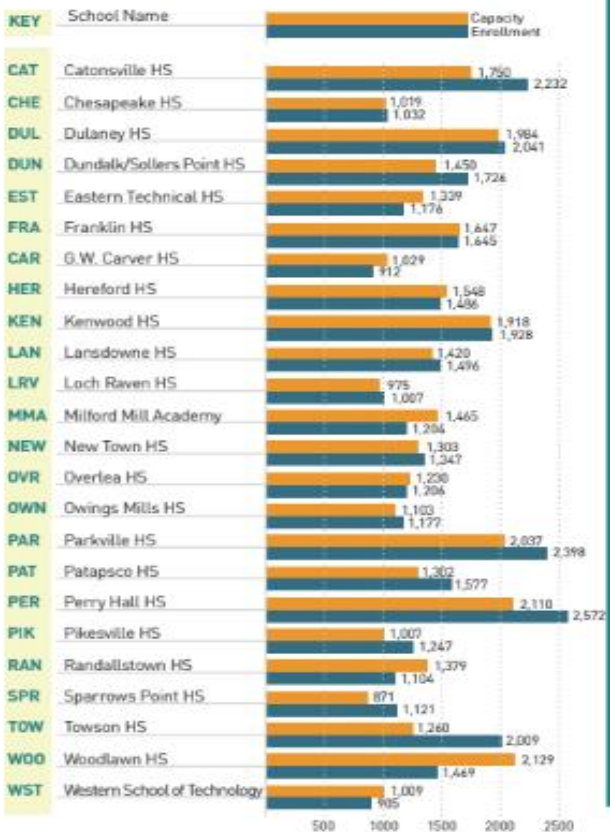
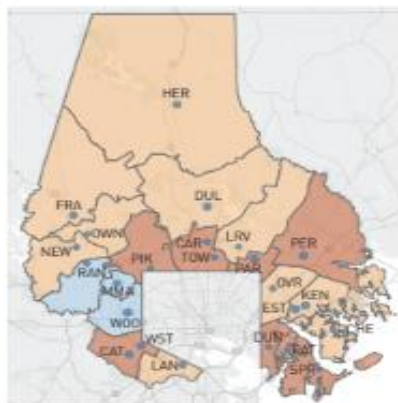
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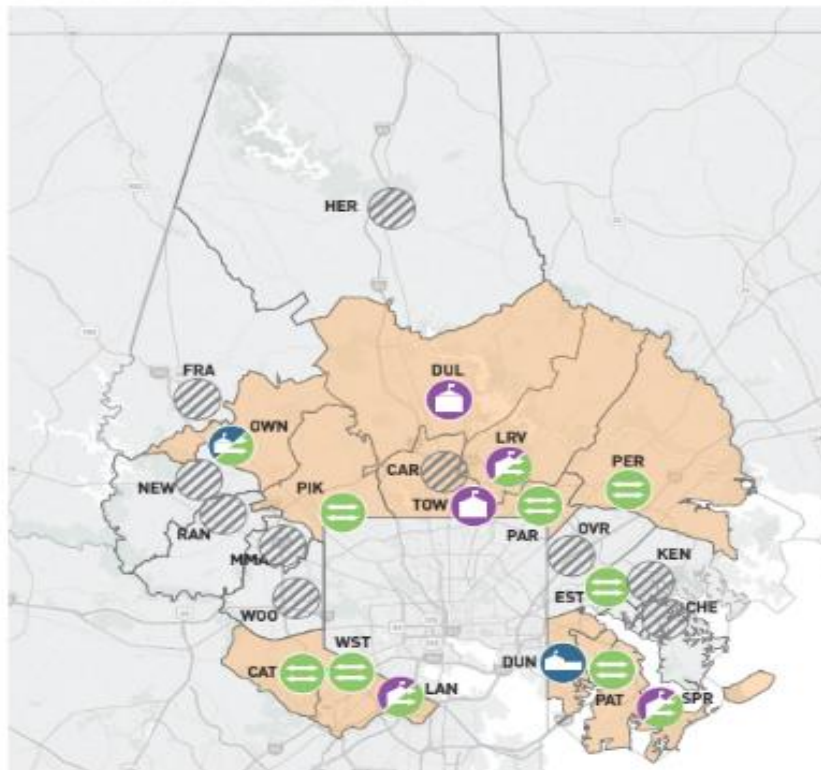
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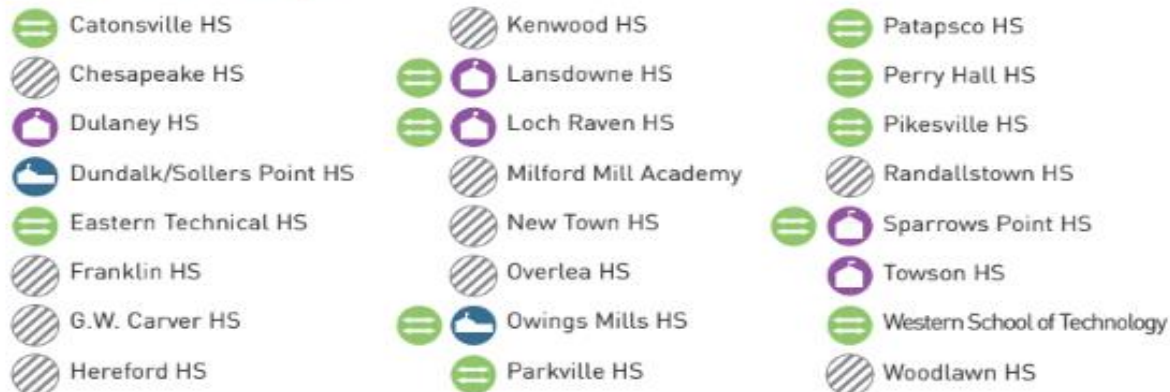
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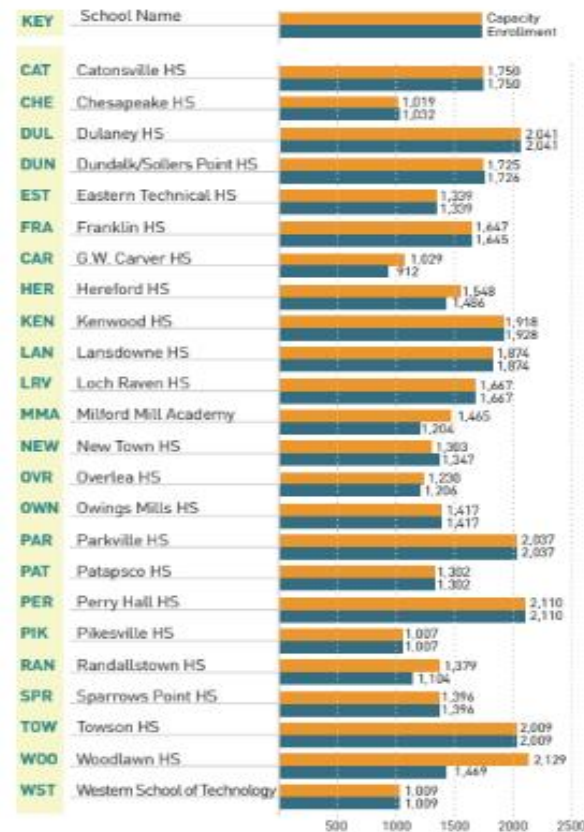


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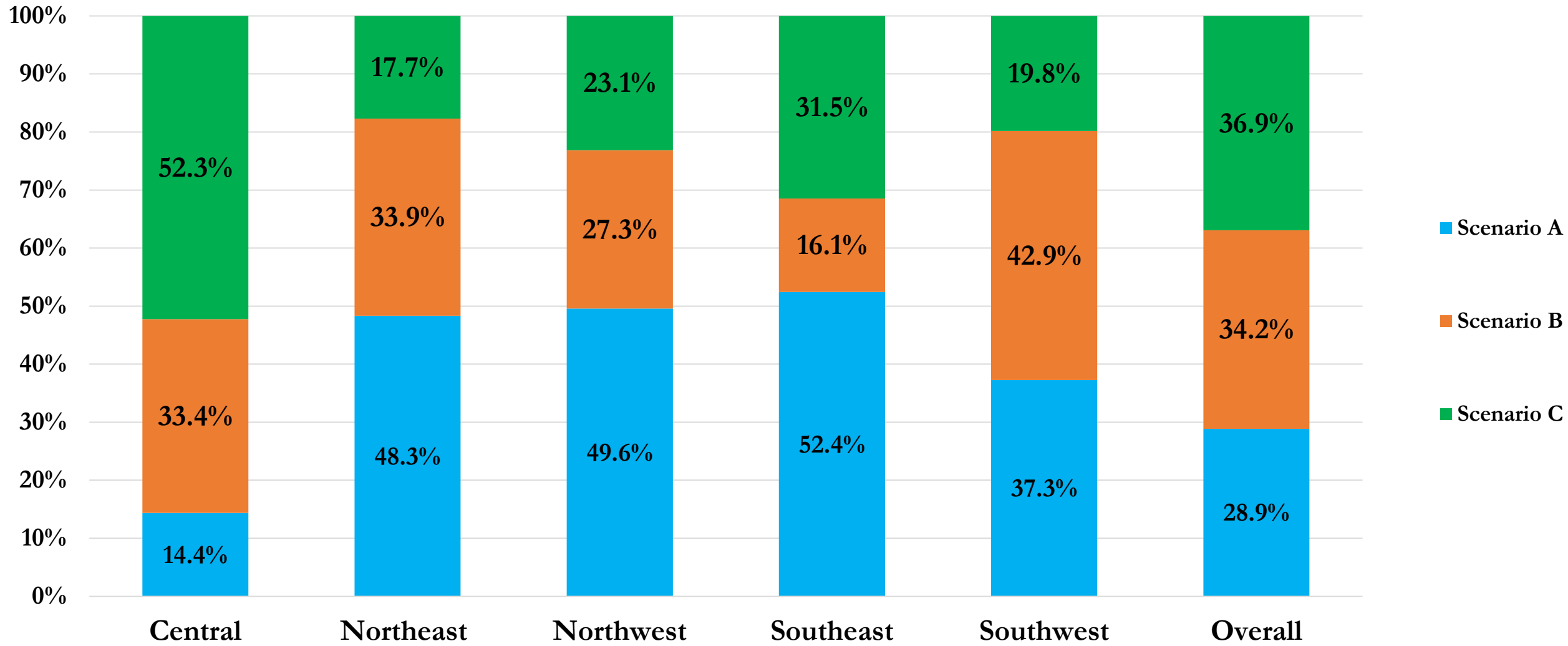
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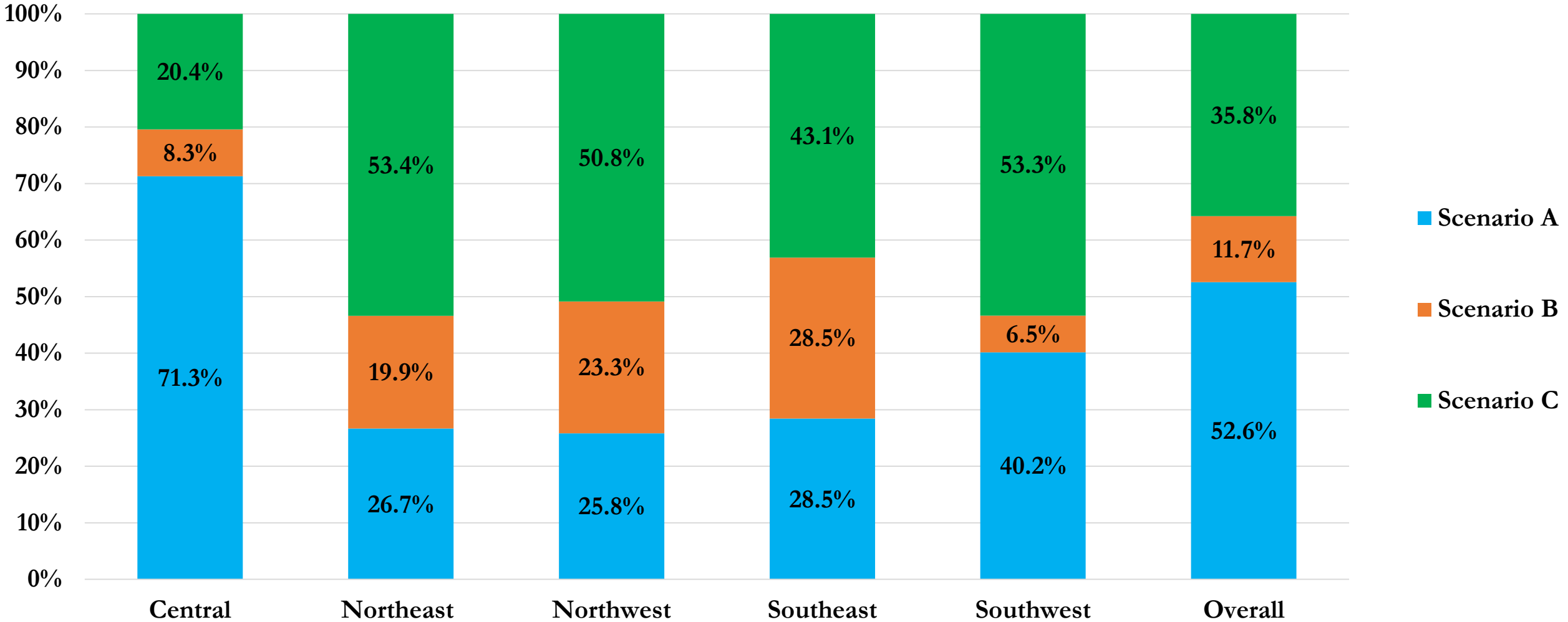
The Second Survey

Region	Responses	% of Total
Central	2,927	46.5%
Northeast	929	14.8%
Northwest	399	6.3%
Southeast	359	5.7%
Southwest	1,647	26.2%
Other	30	0.5%
Total	6,291	100.0%

Which Scenario Do You View Most Favorably?



Which Scenario Do You View Least Favorably?



Priorities – Suggestions for the Onset of Implementation

- A new Towson High School (or at Loch Raven) – Central Region is the most overcrowded
- Add Seats at Sparrows Point and/or Patapsco High School
- A New School at Lansdowne